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Pilgrim Fellowship Executive Board planning the third annual conference: Front row, Ben Cooper, Albert Van Cleave, Sandra Ellerbee; Back Row, Jean Vincent, Frank Little and V. R. Dobson. (Picture taken Sept. 1, 1956, in Atlanta Central Church)

PILGRIM FELLOWSHIP ISSUE

Pilgrim Fellowship Annual Report

March 1956 to March 1957

by Albert Van Cleave Jr., President

At the second annual Pilgrim Fellowship Convention, held on March 18, 1956, I was elected president of the SEC Pilgrim Fellowship. The following were also elected to office: V. R. Dobson, vice-president; Bill Green, corresponding secretary; Patsy Yancey, recording secretary; Ben Cooper, treasurer; and Jean Vincent, Frank Little and Sandra Ellerbee, commission chairmen.

At the meeting several projects were undertaken. Among these were a tuition scholarship for a Southern Union College student, an encyclopedia for the Pleasant Hill Community Center, books for the library at Southern Union College, that fifty cents per member should be paid into the SEC Pilgrim Fellowship fund (applying to P. F. groups that have been organized for over two years), to send our full quota of delegates to the National Council (four delegates and one adult advisor), and to help pay the delegates' expenses. At present, each of the above projects has been completed, or partially completed.

With the beginning of our new P. F. year in March, 1956, a whirl of activities began. A large number of the districts held rallies in April. The other districts followed close behind. Since the first district meetings of the year, the districts have been meeting periodically at three to six month intervals. I have attended six of these rallies and have found them interesting, encouraging, and helpful through their programs, workshops, and fellowship.

On June 25, 1956, Miss Annie Campbell, Bettye Cunningham, V. R. Dobson, Ben Cooper and Millard Fuller left the SEC for the National Council of Pilgrim Fellowship at Doane, Nebraska, where they were joined by another delegate, John Van Cleave. During the summer months Pilgrim Fellowship Conferences were held in Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee. A young people's workcamp was held at Southern Union College in Wadley, Ala.

On Oct. 22, 1956, the Pilgrim Fellowship groups participated in Work Day for Christ. The groups carried through a multitude of ideas and raised a large sum of money.

During the past year two new districts have been organized and are meeting regularly: Central Georgia and

North Alabama.

The Southeast Convention officers and commission chairmen have met on two occasions with Miss Annie Campbell, members of the Atlanta Central Pilgrim Fellowship, and Dr. Thomas Anderson, pastor, for the purpose of planning the third annual Pilgrim Fellowship Convention. This meeting is to be held in Atlanta on March 16 and 17 and will be the highlight of Pilgrim Fellowship activities here in the Southeast Convention for this year.

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WORK DAY FOR CHRIST PARTICIPATION IN 1956-57

Nashville Brookmeade	\$25.45
Tallassee Mt. Olive	15.75
Daisy First	35.00
LaGrange United	15.10
Andalusia First	16.75
Roanoke Rock Stand	42.00
Headland Blackwood	19.60
Garden City - Mt. Grove	28.95
Deer Lodge	10.00
Pleasant Hill Community	75.75
Andalusia Antioch	17.75
Langdale	70.20
Steele Mt. Lebanon	5.60
Chattanooga Pilgrim	42.00
Alexander City Hunt	7.00

Received in 1957

Dadeville Elder	4.00
Roanoke Lowell	13.00
East Tallassee Liberty	16.85
Total, 18 groups	\$460.75

This is a small percentage out of the many organized Pilgrim Fellowship groups to be participating in Work Day for Christ.

Try to have someone from your group of delegates attend the workshop session on Work Day for Christ at this year's annual meeting. In that way, your delegate can report back to your group on ways and means of making this a successful project.

This is our means of sharing in the national program and participating in the outreach of the Pilgrim Fellowship to "others".

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VALLEY DISTRICT RALLY

The Valley District of the SEC Pilgrim Fellowship met Feb. 10 at the United Church of Phenix City for a

rally and election of 1957 officers, as follows:

Patsey Yancey, president; Melbyn Roquemore, vice-president; Lessie Mae Brown, secretary-treasurer; the Rev. John C. Crutcher, adult advisor.

The Rev. Carroll W. Lewis of Langdale Church was the guest speaker.

Peggy Hammock and Melvin Roquemore spoke on the 1956 Work Camp, and the Rev. Miss Annie R. Campbell showed slides made during the camp.

During the business session President V. R. Dobson presided. A Nominating Committee, consisting of one representative from each church in the district, met to nominate the new officers. These representatives will also serve as members of the Planning Board for this district throughout the 1957 year.

Miss Campbell conducted the installation service for the new officers.

Summer Conference Dates

For worship, instruction, fellowship, meaningful work and a wonderful time, plan now to attend one of these camps this summer.

Full information on each one will be going out to ministers, church clerks, and young people on the Pilgrim Fellowship mailing list early in April.

June 9-15, Kentucky-Tennessee Family Camp at Pomona, Tenn.

Dean, Rev. Harley Patterson

July 14-20, Alabama-NW Florida Camp Southern Union College, Wadley, Ala.

Dean, Rev. Collie Seymour

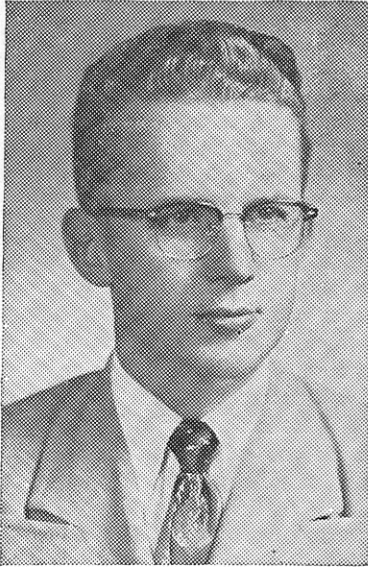
July 28-Aug. 10, SEC PF Work Camp at Southern Union College, Wadley, Ala. Directors, Rev. and Mrs. Raymond Berry

Aug. 18-24, Georgia-South Carolina Family Camp, Camp Juniper, Ga. Dean, Rev. Edward Knight

LAYMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

The East Alabama-West Georgia Laymen's Fellowship held the annual ladies' night meeting on Feb. 23 at Southern Union College in Wadley, Ala.

The evening plans included fun, fellowship and food. Arrangements and the program were planned by Harry W. Barr, president; Willie McGill, vice-president; and Wilson Rodgers, secretary.



The Rev. Robert A. Knowles

YOUTH LEADER

The Rev. Robert A. Knowles of Boston, Mass., National Secretary of Junior High Work for the Congregational Christian Churches, will speak March 16 at SEC Pilgrim Fellowship annual meeting, to be held in Central Congregational Church in Atlanta, Ga.

Mr. Knowles will also lead a workshop session for the adult leaders of young people of the Southeast Convention.

"The task of helping young people of junior high age grow in their understanding of the implications of the Christian faith for their own lives is one of the most important responsibilities confronting church leaders today," says Mr. Knowles.

"If our young people are not challenged by, and captured for, the church at a time when they begin to make their own decisions concerning their life philosophies and life work, we might lose them altogether, or, at best, be forced to admit that creative churchmanship will play but a small part in their lives. At this period of their lives when new horizons are constantly opening up and the multiplicity of choices and demands is apt to be confusing, our junior high youth needs the assurance and guidance that go with a firmly grounded Christian faith."

Mr. Knowles is a World War II veteran who served for three years in the U. S. Navy, including a period at Guam

MISSIONARY SPEAKER

For 19 years a Congregational Christian educator in the Philippine Islands, three of them spent during World War II in a Japanese internment camp in Manila, Miss E. Frances Thompson, dean of women students at Dansalan Jr. College, Dansalan, will speak at the SEC Pilgrim Fellowship annual meeting on March 16-17, and also is the featured speaker at the eight Women's Fellowship rallies during March 19-28.

In addition to her educational work, Miss Thompson holds the important job of secretary of the Commission on the Ministry in the United Church of Christ in the Philippines.

Miss Thompson works in the heart of the Maranao country where the Moro people are Mohammedans. Dansalan was in the devastating earthquake area in 1955 when hundreds of Moros lost their lives, and thousands their homes. Her courage, sympathy and helpfulness in that time of extreme need were a living demonstration of the Christian message which she is teaching.

Earlier in her career Miss Thompson was on the faculty of Silliman University College of Theology in Dumaguete where she helped train young Filipinos for the Christian ministry and young women for deaconess work.

Miss Thompson is an expert in Bible,

and in the Marianas Islands.

Born in New York City, Mr. Knowles spent most of his early life in Springfield, Mass., where he attended the public schools and began work at Springfield College. His college career was interrupted by military service, but he resumed his studies in 1946, receiving his B. S. in Group Work and Community Organization in 1949. He went on to the Pacific School of Religion in Berkeley, Calif., where he majored in Christian Ethics and Theology and received his B. D. in 1952.

This same year he was ordained to the Congregational Christian ministry in Oakland, Calif., and became Associate Minister of the First Church of Oakland, which position he held until called to his present national post.

Mr. and Mrs. Knowles have a small son and daughter and make their home in Framington, Mass.



The Rev. Miss Frances Thompson

church history, religious education and related subjects. She has done much pastoral counselling among the young Protestant church of the northern coast, and uses the Visayan dialect fluently.

Born in a Kentucky town with the quaint name of Bear Wallow, Miss Thompson spent most of her early life in the South. She was educated at the College of Wooster in Ohio and at Union Theological Seminary from which she holds both her B. D. and her master's degree in Sacred Theology.

Schedule of Spring Rallies

- March 19 — Ky.-Tenn., Crossville, First Church, Crossville, Tenn.
- March 20 — Central Ala., United Church Thorsby, Ala.
- March 21 — North Ala., Pilgrim Church, Birmingham, Ala.
- March 23 — South Ala.-NW Florida, Dorcas Church, Crestview, Fla.
- March 24 — East Ala., Todd Church, Shawmut, Ala.
- March 26 — South Ga., First Church, Douglas, Ga.
- March 27 — Central Ga., Hebron Church Crest, Ga.
- March 28 — North Ga., Duncan's Creek Church, Buford, Ga.

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THANK YOU . . .

This seems the best way to express my gratitude to all the wonderful people of the Southeast Convention who contributed to my "going away" gift. The Board of Directors presented me with a check for \$81 last month! It was a terrific surprise — nothing like this has ever happened to me before.

And now I find myself in somewhat the same position as the bride-to-be with her wedding gifts when the wedding is called off. I have not left yet! As the ministers and church clerks were notified by mail, the Board of Directors asked me to stay until a new superintendent is on the field, and this I have agreed to do.

I shall try in every way to merit the confidence of the Board and do my best to keep the routine affairs of the Southeast Convention going smoothly during this interim period. Please bear with me if I seem slow, sometimes, because this is the rush season when everything is happening at once; and please forgive me if I do not do everything right.

The letter to ministers and church clerks told also of the appointment of an Interim Administrative Committee to oversee the affairs of the Convention and make decisions on all administrative matters. Dr. Thomas Anderson of Atlanta is the chairman, with the Rev. Arnold Slater and Moderator Odell Yan-

AN OPPORTUNITY

Since the first annual convention-wide Pilgrim Fellowship conference was held in Lanett Church in 1955, the growth and progress of this group has been phenomenal. As the young people met together each year for inspiration, information and fellowship, they took back to their local P. F. groups the "know-how" to organize and to improve the program of the local group.

The organization of the Pilgrim Fellowship into districts has given opportunity for leadership training and experience, and the district rallies have given opportunities to get together to pool ideas, share ideals and learn more about the P. F. program.

In the past few years the leaders among the young people have matured and gained in knowledge, experience and ability. Soon they will grow beyond the Pilgrim Fellowship and become leaders in the Southeast Convention itself, in their home churches and in their communities. The training and experience they have gained through participation in the Pilgrim Fellowship will enrich not only their own lives but the future of the Southeast Convention through their participation in its program.

This third annual meeting promises to be even better than previous conferences. The P. F. officers and commission chairmen have prepared a worthwhile and enriching program. The members of Central Church in Atlanta have planned well for the comfort and convenience of the delegates.

This opportunity for leadership training is most important to the future. It is hoped that ministers and leaders of youth throughout the Southeast Convention recognize its value and will encourage their young people to attend this annual meeting. This year a special workshop has been planned for ministers and adult advisors who accompany the young people to the annual meeting. The Rev. Robert Knowles will be the guest leader.

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Thank you, each of you, again. It gave me such a warm feeling to find that people I do not even know by name wanted to send me a gift.

Sincerely and gratefully,
Montez G. Albright

Project Of The Month

On March 31, in tens of thousands of churches in this country, special gifts will be given to the hungry, the homeless, and the lonely in all parts of the world. There is no need to tell you of the conditions in areas such as Austria where Hungarian refugees number over 200,000. But it might be well to remind ourselves that in addition to this group there are an estimated thirty million refugees around the world. Many of this number have been living in conditions of stark need for many years, almost forgotten, almost without hope for the future. And it might be well to think too of Pakistan and India where tens of thousands of square miles of land still lie useless after the disastrous floods of 1955-56 and the food shortage is acute. And of Japan where floods and typhoons as well as widespread unemployment have brought destitution to hundreds of thousands.

The special offering to be taken in this its ninth year of observance is called **One Great Hour of Sharing**. Here are suggestions for ways in which your church school may participate in this united appeal:

Check with your pastor to see what the church is doing. He will probably have received a packet of materials, many of which are particularly prepared for children. You may wish to coordinate the program of the church school with that of the church.

Make your offering meaningful by collecting it in milk bottles (one church school tried to collect as much for **One Great Hour** as each family spent on milk during one week). Or try another symbol which will help the children to understand what their money represents. Coin boxes (in the shape of a church) and offering envelopes are available from the Missions Council.

Plan a special worship service or service of dedication for March 31st. A children's folder, "The Magic Suit", is available for distribution from the Missions Council.

Send your offering to your conference treasurer, clearly designated for **One Great Hour of Sharing**. As in the past, apportionment credit is given for all contributions. Materials from the Missions Council should be ordered from their office at 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

The Superintendent's Page

"A Word to the Wise"

(From THE MESSENGER of the House of Inspiration)

Two of the most important periods in the Christian year are approaching. The first is Lent. The second is Holy Week. Lent consists of forty days, beginning this year on "Ash Wednesday", March 6. The "Holy Week" for 1957 begins on "Palm Sunday", April 14, and continues through Easter Sunday, April 21.

Lent is designed for the special preparation of the spirit and the mind of man for sharing in the events of Holy Week, the final period of the physical life of the Lord of life and death. Those events included: the arrival at the gate of Jerusalem; the cleansing of the temple; the last supper; the betrayal; the experience in the garden of Gethsemane; the arrest; the scourging; the trial and sentencing to death; the crucifixion; the burial; the experience of the disciples at the garden tomb when He whom they had seen die on the cross had become, and was to remain, a living presence in their lives and in the lives of all people in every generation who would permit Him so to be.

A writer in the February issue of the Pilgrim Fellowship Review said, "Lent is a pilgrimage through which our lives focus more clearly on the stature and power of our Lord." The suggestion that Lent is a "pilgrimage" appeals to me. I hope it does to you.

Once when I was in the Near East I witnessed a group of Mohammedans on a pilgrimage to Mecca, the chief shrine of their faith. Stops were made for rest and refreshment at intervals. Each such stop on the way was called an Oasis. The dictionary says that an oasis is "any fertile spot in a waste or desert, especially one where springs nourish vegetation; hence, figuratively, a scene or source of joy in monotony or dreariness".

The oasis for the Christian is the Sanctuary of the church of his Lord. It is where the "springs" are that nour-

ish the soul. It is where the "scene" or "source of joy" is for the Christian in the "monotony or dreariness" of the work-a-day world.

There will be several of these "oasis" stops for the people of The House of Inspiration during Lent in 1957. One will be each Sunday morning, beginning with the First Sunday in Lent, which is March the tenth. Then the "springs" that are worship through hymn and prayer and anthem and sermon will flow. Then we will rest in the quiet of that oasis that is the house of God. Then the "sources of joy" that are the "scenes" born of the Christian faith will be ours to redeem us from any "monotony" or "dreariness" that may be plaguing our minds or spirit.

During the Lenten pilgrimage daily nourishment in the form of the contents of a little book called "The Fellowship of Prayer"* will be available. In it there will be a text of scripture, a meditation and a prayer for each day from Ash Wednesday to Easter Sunday. The books will be on the Literature Table in the Sanctuary Narthex on March 3, the Sunday before Ash Wednesday.

"A word to the wise is sufficient".

—Thomas Anderson, Minister

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Strange was his teaching, stranger still
his deeds;—

He healed the sick and gave the blind
their sight,

With his own hands cleansed lepers of
their sores,

And raised the dead,—all in the name
of God,

And for the love God's great heart held
for them.

From "Gentlemen, The King",
by John Oxenham

*Available from Pilgrim Press, 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.; or the Commission on Evangelism & Devotional Life, 287 Fourth Avenue, New York 10, N. Y.

Dr. Buschmeyer Visits

The Congregational students at Vanderbilt Divinity School and the Congregational Christian and Evangelical and Reformed ministers on the Vanderbilt and Fisk faculties met at the Brookmeade parsonage on Feb. 13 to hear Dr. Fred S. Buschmeyer, Associate Secretary of the General Council and Director of the Department of the Ministry, as guests of the SEC Committee on Ministry and Churches.

Dr. Buschmeyer presented each of the students with a notebook containing historical, organizational and other helpful material on our Congregational Christian churches. He spoke of the place and opportunities of the ministry within the polity and practice of our fellowship. An informal "question and answer" period followed on a wide range of subjects.

Students present were: Harold Henderson, Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Bender, Mr. and Mrs. Terry Smith, Willard Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Conrad, Robert E. Baker and Miss Patricia Rothwell.

Guests were Professors Oswald O. Schragg and Wilson Q. Welch Jr. of the Department of Religion of Fisk University.

Preceding the meeting, Professors Roger Shinn and Bard Thompson of the E. and R. Church and Kendrick Grobel of the C. C. Churches, together with the Rev. Flannery, pastor of Brookmeade Congregational Church, and the Rev. Colbert, chairman of the SEC Committee on Ministry and Churches, were guests of Dr. Buschmeyer at a fellowship dinner.

The SEC Committee wishes to thank both the Rev. and Mrs. Flannery for their help with this meeting and to compliment them not only on their work at Brookmeade Church but also upon the fine public relations job they are doing with the faculty and students of Vanderbilt. The Rev. Flannery will be teaching the course on Congregational Christian History and Polity during the Spring Quarter.

—G. L. Colbert, chairman
Committee on Ministry and Churches



Miss Ione Catton admiring the watch presented to her by the Women's Fellowship presidents.

Miss Catton Retires

Although Miss Ione Catton "retired" officially on March 1 from her responsibilities as program secretary in missionary education of the Missions Council, she will soon be en route to Hawaii.

Upon the invitation of Superintendent Nelson C. Dreier, Miss Catton plans to devote a large part of her "retirement" to our churches on the islands.

During her 13 years with the Missions Council, Miss Catton traveled far and wide, both in the United States and abroad, and was known and loved by many, many people. In 1954 she was the featured speaker at a series of institutes in the Southeast Convention. She gave new meaning to the words "stewardship" and "missionary education", and tirelessly and joyously proclaimed "the mission of the church" wherever she spoke.

North Alabama Quarterly Meeting

The North Alabama Association will meet March 10 for the regular quarterly meeting. The theme for this session will be "Evangelism".

Caddo Church near Trinity, Ala., is the host church, and ministers participating in the program will be the Reverends Earnest Shelton, Richard Waugh, Claude W. Warren, Robert L. Shelton (Moderator), Collie Seymour and Guy L. Colbert.

Avon Park Meeting

The Southeast Regional Meeting, held Feb. 26 - March 1 at Lake Byrd Lodge, Avon Park, Fla., was attended by delegates from the Southeast Convention, the Southern Convention, the Convention of the South, and the Florida Conference.

Delegates from the Southeast Convention were: the Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Slater, the Rev. and Mrs. Herbert Long, the Rev. and Mrs. Raymond W. Berry, the Rev. N. A. Long, W. R. Green Jr., Mrs. G. F. Logan, the Rev. Annie R. Campbell, and Mrs. Ed A. Albright.

Representing Southern Union College were President Douglas Wasson and Mrs. A. R. Van Cleave.

Theme of this year's meeting was "Communicating the Gospel", under the direction of the Rev. Everett C. Parker, who directs the national Office of Communications. National denominational leaders present were: Dr. W. C. Timmons, Dr. Herman Long, Moderator George Hastings, the Rev. Robert Spike, Dr. Wesley A. Hotchkiss and Mr. Ketchem.

Dr. Reynolds To Retire

Dr. and Mrs. Paul R. Reynolds returned to Pleasant Hill in mid-February, and Dr. Reynolds will continue his various responsibilities on a restricted half-time basis.

Announcement has been made to the congregation that Dr. Reynolds will resign as of June 30 and retire, due to his health.

PEOPLE AND PLACES . . .

Alabama young people will be interested to know that Miss Harriet Summerville was at Midwinter Meeting and planning to return to Africa within a month.

The Rev. Earl Hand has resigned from the Headland Blackwood-Clio New Hope-Midland City Christian Hill parish and accepted a call to Lanett-Huguley Church. He and his family moved to the field the second week in March.

The Rev. Robt. C. Yoh, professor at Southern Union College, is supplying the pulpit at Lanett Church.

The Rev. Paul Pike has accepted a call to serve the Todd Church of Shawmut, and began his pastorate in February.

Southern Union News

Dean A. R. Van Cleave, chairman of the Scholarship Committee at Southern Union College, announced recently that the annual Honor Scholarship program for the 1957-58 year will reach high schools in 24 Alabama counties and several Georgia counties. More than 85 high schools will be invited to participate in the program.

An Honor Scholarship is a grant of \$100 a year to a student selected by the high school faculty on the basis of scholarship, leadership, character, and service. The grant is renewable for the second year if the student maintains an average of "B" or better. Some 56 high schools are represented in this year's student body, many of them holding Honor grants.

An additional group of scholarships will be available to high schools in Tennessee, Kentucky, South Carolina, western Florida and Georgia — in communities served by Congregational Christian churches.

Any student interested should contact his local principal or write to the Scholarship Committee at Southern Union. The grant of \$100 is made to a boarding school student. Commuting students receive a grant of \$50 per year.

Southern Union Day

High school seniors in more than 50 Alabama schools spread from Jackson to Butler county in Alabama were visited by deputation teams from SUC on Feb. 13, the annual "Southern Union Day".

Under the guidance of the Department of Public Relations, the student-faculty teams discussed the need for higher education and told of the program offered at Southern Union. The presentations usually covered a class period and gave opportunity for questions about college life.

Council of Southern Mountains, Inc.

Students attending the sessions of the 45th annual meeting of the Council of the Southern Mountains, Inc., at the Mountain View Hotel in Gatlinburg, Tenn., Feb. 20-23 were Miss Glenda Barrett, Miss Mary Compton, Mrs. Jesse T. Edge, Miss Deneda Cecil, Sterling Newton, Lakin Gay, Shelby Caffee, and Larry Easterwood. They were accompanied by Miss Jo Peacock, assistant professor of English, and Acting President Douglas Wasson.

The Council of the Southern Moun-

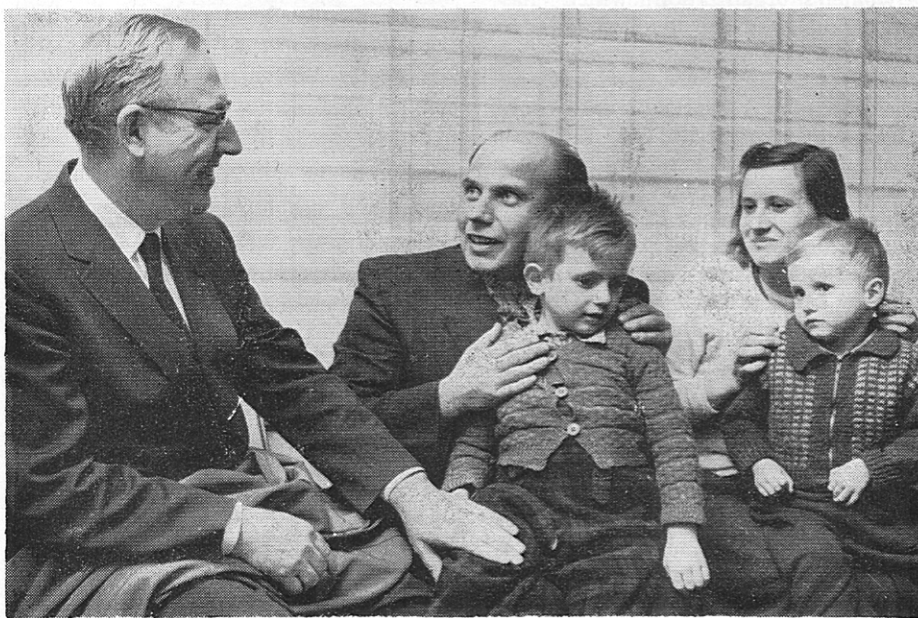
CHATTANOOGA PILGRIM SPONSORS REFUGEES

The Pilgrim Church of Chattanooga, Tenn., is engaged in a new and thrilling project. Mr. and Mrs. Julius Teringer and their two boys, Julius and Joseph, came to the United States as Hungarian refugees early in January. Through the minister, the Rev. Arnold Slater, the church had requested to sponsor a refugee family. Mr. Teringer is already at work as church custodian; and after two or three days in the home of R. F. Bennington, they are comfortably settled in their own apartment. The members of the church have given clothing, food, furniture and the Board of Trustees gave Mrs. Slater a generous check to purchase the Teringers complete new outfits of clothing. This Hungarian family speaks no English, but they do understand and appreciate the kindness and concern of the church. Pilgrim Church has learned the meaning of our Lord's message, "In as much as you do it unto these least . . ."

It is of especial interest that Jews and Roman Catholics who speak Hungarian have already served as interpreters — for love overcomes religious faiths and national barriers.

Pilgrim Church has always felt that its ministry should not be confined to a program for its own members, but should take a responsible place in community activity. Many of its members participate in agencies, clubs and organizations serving the metropolitan area. The Rev. and Mrs. Slater are encouraged by the congregation to accept leadership in P. T. A., Goodwill Industries, United Church Women, League of Women Voters, Traveler's Aid, Y. W. C. A., Pastors Association — and to take active parts. The church also has a keen interest in conference and convention affairs of our own fellowship, giving not only substantial financial assistance, but having a number of its members serving on committees.

In 1949 the church sponsored a displaced family, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Herman, who had been in a concentration camp. The Hermans came as domestics and served as custodians of the church. During this time Mr. Herman learned a skill and now has a good position with a paint company. The Hermans now own a home, an automobile and are well adjusted to the American way of life.



REV. ARNOLD SLATER COUNSELS WITH THE TERINGER FAMILY

tain is a coordinating organization of institutional, medical, social, educational and religious groups at work in the southern highlands region, from Alabama to West Virginia. More than 300

delegates attended the meeting.

SUC's President Wasson is adult chairman of the Council's Youth Committee and presided over several of the sessions.



Mrs. W. B. Williams and Miss Lillian Gregory being congratulated by Dr. Fred Hoskins, Minister of General Council.

Mrs. Williams Elected National President

Mrs. Walter Bernard Williams of Newport News, Va., was elected national president of the 800,000 member National Fellowship of Congregational Christian Women at Buck Hill Falls, Pa. She will serve for two years.

Mrs. Williams succeeds Mrs. Edgar A. Bark, Wauwatosa, Wis., as head of the women's organization which has chapters in all states of the Union, Puerto Rico and Hawaii.

A former national vice-president and an executive and constitutional committee member of the National Women's Fellowship, Mrs. Williams has held numerous positions in that organization and in other branches of the church. She is a director of the denomination's Board of Home Missions and of the Board of Managers of United Church Women of the National Council of Churches.

Mrs. Williams is youth counselor of the Eastern Virginia Pilgrim Fellowship and Southern Convention Pilgrim Fellowship, regional youth organizations of the denomination. She is the president of the Newport News-Warwick Council of United Church Women.

Mrs. Williams is a member of the executive board and the missions board of the Southern Convention.

Mrs. J. L. McCorison, Westfield, New Jersey, also long active in the denomination, was elected vice-president of the National Women's Fellowship.

New executive committee members

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Midwinter Meeting Highlights

By Annie R. Campbell

I wish all of you could have the experience of attending one of our Midwinter Meetings at Buck Hill Falls and could meet our national leaders. Because of my responsibility to you in so many fields, I had to stay from the beginning to the end, to learn all I could concerning Christian Education and our Women's Fellowship. We all struggled to "learn together", just as you do in your own local churches. Our leaders asked of us, "What do you think?", "What is the best way to do this?" They are a fine dedicated group.

Sessions began early in the morning and usually lasted until ten-thirty or eleven at night and there were often special committee meetings after that. These "dead in earnest" meetings were often punctuated with hearty bursts of laughter.

I served as secretary and treasurer this past year for the state and area Christian Education workers. The Rev. Walter Dobler and Miss Ruth Sprague are very busy with "Adult Work and Family Life". You see them pictured on this page with Miss Sprague holding the new Family Resource Book for the spring quarter, *No Easy Answer*. The Rev. Porter Bower and Miss Carolyn Goddard showed us visual aids every night and requested our suggestions and opinions as to which might be most helpful and usable. I was particularly interested in the two new TV series for children and youth — one on American Indians and one on Japan, with our own Everett Parker as the Skipper. When

you see it on TV I want you to know that our denomination had a great part in producing it — you might casually mention this to your neighbors. No use hiding our light under a bushel!

Our Lelia Anderson, whom many of you know because of her trips into our area in her station wagon, was present. She told some of us how amazed she was at the progress in our church building program and in industry in the south between her last two visits. The Rev. Bryant Drake is keenly interested in work with our students in colleges and universities. Miss Bertha Juell, in the picture with them, is doing Christian Education work in the Hawaiian Islands.

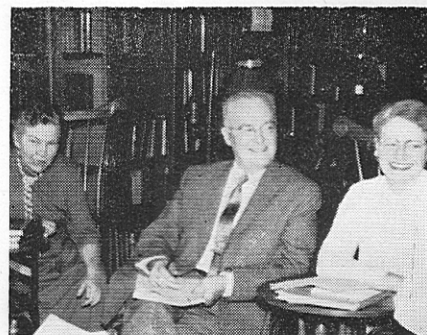
Also attending our meeting was the Rev. Herman C. Ahrens Jr., editor of *Youth Magazine*, published by the E. and R. Church. He is also the author of the mission study book, *Give And Take*. Miss Margaret Blethen brought books from Pilgrim Press and was always cheerfully ready to explain, advise or give help in any way she could.

Miss Frances Eastman, editor of *Children's Religion*; Miss Merle Easton, Dr. Thomas Stock, Miss Mildred Widber, Miss Dorothy Claypool, the Rev. Ed Powers, the Rev. Bob Knowles, the Rev. Joe Howell, Miss Lois Sundeen, Miss Marjory Martin and others helped us in many ways at our Christian Education meeting. Snap-shots do not always do people justice, so I have not included them in the pictures here, but they were right on the job helping us.

—Annie R. Campbell



Rev. Walter Dobler and Miss Ruth Sprague with literature.



Dr. Lelia Anderson, Dr. Bryant Drake, Miss Bertha Juell

Report On Buck Hill Falls Meeting

By Lois Harry

My deepest appreciation is extended to you women of Alabama and N. W. Florida who made my trip to the National Women's Fellowship Meeting at Buck Hill Falls, Pa., possible. This was held Jan. 26-31 in connection with the Midwinter Meeting. Forty Women's State presidents, women staff members and presidents of Puerto Rico and Hawaii composed the group of some 100 women in attendance.

To attempt a concise report covering five days so completely filled leaves me in somewhat of a quandary. I do hope that I may be able to share with you some ways of doing our work better as a result of the information and inspiration gained there.

Traveling through the beautiful snow covered Pennsylvania country-side was a new and exhilarating experience for me. Upon arrival at the huge Inn where we slept, ate and studied, friendly people seemed to immerse from everywhere. I was really surprised to be greeted by so many old acquaintances. The fellowship alone at such meetings is something to be long remembered. We were requested to sit in different places in our classes and to eat at new tables each meal, thus affording numerous new acquaintances. My roommate was Mrs. Kent from Hawaii and most of the time we saw each other only at bedtime. Her husband is the head of the Kamehameha Schools there on the Island. She was a most interesting and charming person and is also president of the Women's Fellowship.

It is a pleasant experience to have prominent names that have been familiar reading for years suddenly become

personalities. And I might add, SUCH personalities! All the heads of our national boards and staffs were there. Quite a few of these people have been in our Southeast Convention on various occasions.

All of you will be interested to know Miss Marguerite Davison was there. She was just as pleased at our progress as if she were still with us. Miss Lelia Anderson was there with her famous bird, Peter Piper. He is some bird, having mastered over 100 words and sentences since he was given to her at Lanett by one of her classes.

The time was literally consumed by strenuous panel discussions, usually ending with group participation; reports and programs which gave a pretty liberal education in our women's work. The six areas of work, which have been new to all of us, was given a prominent place on the program. If you have felt badly because you are a chairman in your locality and have not done anything—don't. Our national chairmen were ironing out problems and outlining the work because it is new to them, too. From here on out, after receiving our new materials, we feel that these working areas will be able to function smoothly. The National Program Committee reported on the new program book. Mrs. F. C. Lester of North Carolina was a member of this committee, and also has a program in it. Incidentally, there is one in the book which originated right here in our own SEC! Presentation of packets, reports from women members of national boards and committees, cooperation of laymen and women in the E. and R. and C. C. Churches, what



Representing the SEC in the picture: the Rev. and Mrs. Arnold Slater, Mrs. A. D. Harry, Miss Miriam Heermans, the Rev. Clyde Flannery. Not in picture, but present, were A. B. Snell and Dr. Kendrick Grobel.

makes a good retreat, Bible study groups and a report on the fellowship tour, under the direction of Miss Davison, were some of the things on the agenda. Those of us present learned ways of doing our work better and also learned the importance of the work of the American Board, the Board of Home Missions, the Service Committee and Council for Social Action by sitting in on sessions of these boards.

The Southeast and Southern Conventions made quite a contribution to this national meeting. Our own Rev. Annie Campbell was featured on a panel and assisted in a Communion Service in meetings for the women.

The week was a most rewarding and challenging one — to meet with so many people from across our nation and find we are all so much alike. Problems are very similar on the local, national and international level. In the face of these, and in making plans for our future work, there seems to develop a greater spirit of oneness in this larger fellowship of ours.

With the great need for dedicated Christians, let us keep in our minds and hearts that we are united witnesses for Him. As a part of our National Women's Fellowship, may we not for a moment forget our great purpose — "To cultivate the spirit of Christ in every area of human life, beginning with our own lives and reaching out into home and community and the uttermost parts of the earth."



Miss Marguerite Davison leading report on European tour



Miss Carolyn Goddard and Rev. Porter Bower discussing visual aids.

Church News.....

The Andalusia Antioch Church held its annual meeting Jan. 12 for the purpose of adopting a budget and the election of officers for 1957.

The following were elected: Mary Evelyn Thrasher, church clerk; Mrs. Evelyn Nelson, treasurer; Bruce Clark, Sunday School superintendent; Mrs. Imogene Stewart, asst. S. S. superintendent; Board of Deacons — Claude Stewart, Seth R. Stewart, Bruce Clark and A. L. Baisden; Board of Trustees — Bernice Howell, Alton Merrill, G. B. Adams Jr., Bryant Worley; Finance and Stewardship Committee — Seth R. Stewart, Mrs. Winnie Dye, Walter Biggs, Mrs. Judson Jones, James Adams, Claude Stewart, Mrs. Imogene Stewart, Mrs. Treva Merrill; Religious Education Committee — A. L. Baisden, Mrs. Irene Adams, Mrs. Shirley Berry, Mrs. Eula Baisden; Miss Lynn Nelson, pianist; Mrs. Eloise Dye, choir director; and Mrs. Winnie Dye, church reporter.

—Mrs. Winnie Dye

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The sanctuary of the Lanett Church was the setting for an organ recital on the afternoon of Jan. 27, and a dedication of the Baldwin organ. The recital presented Mrs. O. F. Nixon Jr. of La-Grange, Ga., with Mrs. Crayton McEachern as guest soloist. Mrs. Posey Sorrell played the prelude and the Rev. Joe A. French led the service.

Immediately following the dedication a lovely tea was held in the beautifully decorated fellowship hall, honoring the French family. Friends in the local community and valley towns were invited, and between 150 to 200 guests called.

The Rev. and Mrs. French, their daughter Agnes, and Mrs. French's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, left for Franklin, Va. on Thursday, Jan. 31. Carolyn French remained in Lanett with Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beard to finish the school term.

The Rev. Robert C. Yoh, of Southern Union College, began his supply pastorate on Feb. 3.

A large portrait of the Rev. French has been hung in the church entrance hall as a token of appreciation for the fine work he did during his pastorate, which included the erection of our new

church building.

Prior to their departure, the church membership honored the French family at a covered dish supper in the Fellowship Hall and presented them with a nice purse.

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A Women's Fellowship group has been organized at the Wedowee Noonday Church with the following officers: Mrs. Bill Traylor, president; Mrs. Sam Carpenter, vice-president; Mrs. Gilbert Huey, secretary. Meetings are to be held on the first and third Thursday nights in the homes of members.

The church voted to hold an Every Member Canvass, which began the week of Jan. 28.

During the month of December the ladies baked cakes and realized a nice sum to go into the treasury. They plan to use the money to improve the Sunday School rooms.

The Women's Fellowship was in charge of a supper for church members held the night of Jan. 18 at the New Hope Club House.

—Kathryn Carpenter, reporter

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On Jan. 27 the Roanoke Antioch Church welcomed the membership of the pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Nelson, who came to us from the Lanett Huguley Church.

The congregation elected to build a copper-roof steeple for the church, with the Building Fund beginning after the evening services when Mrs. O. L. Royston donated as her contribution six turkeys, each weighing around 40 pounds. Members of the W. M. S. immediately met and planned a Turkey Supper which was given Feb. 16. Each family in the church had a part in the meal preparation and sale of tickets.

On Feb. 10 Deacon Esker Carden received additional pledges for the Building Fund before the morning service and announced that the building of our steeple could be started immediately.

A new member received into the church was Mrs. F. C. Osborne, coming to us from a Baptist Church in Wedowee, Ala. Visitors were Mrs. Yates

and Mrs. Crenshaw from Lanett Huguley Church.

The W. M. S. met at the home of Mrs. C. J. Birdsong Jr. on Feb. 11. Mrs. J. F. Brown directed the play, "Us on a Bus", which was both educational and inspirational. Mrs. Cecil Lee, secretary and treasurer, then received the "Woman's Gift" donation from members.

—Anita Williams, reporter

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The Women's Fellowship meeting of the Haleyville Union Grove Church for January was called to order by the president, Mrs. C. L. Nations. A worship service was conducted by Mrs. Mamie Bridges with Scripture readings from St. Matthew on the topic, "Be Ye Doers".

Members reported eight visitations to the sick made during the month and two clothing drives, along with work on other projects.

After adjournment of program and business, refreshments were served by the hostess, Mrs. Vida Nations, and enjoyed by all.

—Dell Hill, Sec. & Treas.

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A group of the ladies of the Columbus United Church has begun a shut-in prayer service, with 22 present at the first meeting.

Officers and teachers of the Sunday School, in their regular monthly meeting, adopted the "Suggested Goals for Sunday Schools" as printed in *South-east News*. A drive has begun for 100% Bibles brought to Sunday School, led by the superintendent, Noah Thacker.

Plans are being made to form a Cub Scout and Brownie Scout Troop this month, to meet at the church.

The Bible Study Class, led by J. T. Godfrey, is still gaining in attendance and interest.

The Ladies Society of the church met Feb. 7 with Mrs. J. T. Godfrey as the speaker. A covered dish supper was enjoyed. A Flower Committee was appointed, with Mrs. Luther Marsh as chairman, to request each family of the church to provide flowers for the Sunday services. Later these flowers are to be taken to a shut-in member.

A CARE package was sent by the ladies this month. Attendance has doubled and the group is hoping to double it again in March. After the business meet-

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ing, a valentine box was opened and the "postman" delivered the valentines.

—Ruth Ward, president

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Many new and exciting things have happened at the **Enigma Church** in the past few months. The congregation felt the church would prosper more if their pastor lived in the community. Before they were able to secure a parsonage, their new pastor, the Rev. Otto Culpepper, was called.

A house was purchased and remodeled by the talented members and the new pastor. It was during this remodeling that the congregation found that Mr. Culpepper had used more than one of his talents.

The untiring efforts of the Rev. and Mrs. Culpepper in encouraging Church fellowship and growth are much appreciated. Due to his pastoral calling, our Sunday School enrollment has increased and church attendance has almost doubled. People who had never attended "The Christan Church", as it is known in Enigma, are attending regularly.

Within the past month the following members have affiliated with the church: Mrs. Clemmie Lee, Mrs. Lucy Yawn, and Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Hobbs.

On Jan. 25 a barbecue supper was given to raise money for the parsonage debt, and \$445 was realized. We are grateful to our pastor and the other faithful people who worked so untiringly to make this a success.

Our mid-week prayer service is an enjoyable and enriching occasion, when each person present has an opportunity to express himself and share his burdens and blessings with God and man.

The W. M. S. meets bi-weekly and is a working organization. This group is responsible for the purchase of the carpet on the chancel and the new pulpit furniture. They also bought the tile for the parsonage bathroom.

We have all enjoyed the fellowship with the Rev. and Mrs. Culpepper, and hope to work with them a long time for an improved church program. Mr. Culpepper also serves the Vanceville Church.

—V. C. Harris, reporter

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The Rev. A. P. Wilson, minister of the Disciples of Christ, retired, has en-

tered the pastorate of the **Demorest Federated Church**. He began his work Jan. 1, 1957.

Mr. Wilson has begun a program of work with the students of Piedmont College, with a coffee hour after vespers once each month and special courses of study for college students at the Sunday school hour.

Members of the church have raised \$100 for Hungarian Relief and have also contributed a large amount of clothing.

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On Sunday evening of Jan. 13 a joint installation service of the **Soddy-Daisy Parish** was held at the Daisy Church. The pastor, the Rev. Walter Crosby, presided.

A brief devotional period preceded the installation service. First the church clerks and then individual groups of officers from each church were called forward and installed. Each officer was given a lapel ribbon of a different color, denoting his or her office. Mrs. Crosby, wife of the pastor, assisted him in the service.

The pastor acquainted the various groups with their respective duties and challenged them to faithful performances.

After the installation of all officers of both churches and Sunday schools, a large candle was lighted at the altar, representing Christ. Officers and members of the congregation were given small candles. Electric lights in the sanctuary were then extinguished. Each person marched up to the altar and lighted his candle. As all of the candle lights combined to bring light again to the sanctuary, the Rev. Crosby concluded the installation service by challenging the congregation to work together for the building of Christ's Kingdom just as they had in producing light.

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At the annual meeting of the **Nashville Brookmeade Church** on Jan. 13th, the following officers were elected: Dr. Paul H. Hardacre, moderator; H. W. Burns, Jr., general treasurer; Raymond H. Miller, building fund treasurer; Mrs. Mamie A. Snell, clerk; and Harry F. Hokemeir, director of Every Member Canvass.

A family worship service was held on Youth Sunday, Feb. 3, at 10:00 a. m. The Junior Choir sang and the young people assisted with the service. The church

school normally meets at 11:00 a. m. in the parsonage while the morning worship service is held in the church. The family service gave the children an opportunity to attend church with their parents.

New members were received into the Church Feb. 24 after an instruction class on Feb. 17. Another group of members will be received on Easter Sunday. Our church membership increased 25% during the last six months of 1956, and it is hoped to do better than that during 1957.

Friday evening Lenten services are planned for March 15-April 19. Speakers will be: March 15, C. T. Baker, executive secretary, Tennessee Council of Churches; March 22, Dr. Phillip Hyatt, acting dean, Vanderbilt Divinity School; March 29, movie, "Measure of a Moment"; April 5, Rev. Galen Weaver, Council for Social Action; April 12, Rev. Will Campbell, National Council of Churches; April 19, Dr. Kendrick Grobel, Vanderbilt Divinity School.

The Men's Fellowship has put asphalt tile on the church floor and installed the sink and cabinets in the kitchen.

The Rev. Wm. K. Newman, secretary of the Church Building Society, preached at the morning worship service on March 3 and met with the building committee in the afternoon.

The Rev. Wm. L. Imes, of Fisk Union Church, and the Rev. Clyde C. Flannery plan an exchange of pulpits for Palm Sunday, March 14. Mr. Flannery will conduct a pastor's class with the Pilgrim Fellowship during the Lenten season to help those who have recently united with the church and to prepare others for church membership Easter Sunday.

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On Jan. 27 a special Youth Service was held at Pleasant Hill Community Church, with the young people in charge of the morning service.

Tom Little gave the call to worship, the invocation and Lord's Prayer. Miss Barbara Thompson led the responsive reading, "Children of God."

The meditation, on Pilgrim Fellowship, was given by Frank Little. Prayers were by Misses Beulah Blalock and Mary E. Thompson.

The adult members of the church found the service most inspiring.

Church Builders Day, Sunday, March 10th

Church Builders' Club Day will be observed in Congregational Christian churches throughout the Southeast Convention on Sunday, March 10th. This date was selected to focus attention on the wind-up of the drive for the Tifton Church, which will close March 15th and the money raised will be presented at a special meeting to be held March 30th at LaGrange, Ga., in conjunction with the annual meeting of the Southeast Convention on March 30-31.

The goal of the Church Builders' Club is: 1) A representative in every church to solicit members and promote the affairs of the Church Builders' Club in his church.

2) 2,000 active members.

3) A limit of no more than two churches per year, but more concentration of efforts to secure for them adequate financial strength so they will grow into strong members of the fellowship and in turn share with us in the building of more churches.

—A. B. Snell, president

BUILDERS

When we build, let us think we build forever,

Let it not be for present use alone,
Let it be such work as our descendents
will thank us for,

And let us think, as we lay stone on
stone, that a time is to come when
those stones will be held sacred
Because our hands have touched the
stones, and that men will say as
they look upon the labor and
wrought substances of them,
"See! This our Fathers did for us."

—John Ruskin

Mrs. Williams Elected . . .

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are Mrs. F. L. Van Doozer, Portland, Oregon; Mrs. J. N. McLeod, Salt Lake City, Utah; Mrs. George Mathews, Danville, Iowa; and Mrs. Carl E. Delano, Bangor, Maine.

Dr. Hoskins And Dr. North To Speak At SEC Annual Meeting In LaGrange

Dr. Fred Hoskins, minister and executive secretary of the General Council, will be the chaplain at the SEC annual meeting March 30-31 in the United Church of LaGrange, Ga.

Dr. Hoskins will also address the delegates on Saturday evening and will preach the convention sermon on Sunday morning.

The keynote speaker for this occasion will be Dr. Stanley U. North, general secretary of the Board of Home Missions. Dr. North will speak during the opening session on Saturday morning, and his subject will be "The Congregational Christian Triology: Faith, Freedom and Fellowship."

This will be Dr. Hoskins' first visit to the Southeast Convention. Dr. North is well-known to this area, having spoken in a number of local churches and attended many meetings in the past years.

With two such outstanding national denominational leaders as speakers, it is expected that this annual meeting will be one of the best attended in the history of the Southeast Convention.

Delegates will be called to order by Moderator Odell Yancey at 10:30 a. m. on Saturday morning; the services of dedication, installation of officers and communion will close the meeting around 2:30 p. m. on Sunday.

On Saturday the Laymen's Fellowship and the Women's Fellowship will hold separate luncheons and business meetings. Walter Graham, executive secretary of the National Laymen's Fellowship, will speak to the laymen. The women will also have a guest speaker, to be announced later, and Mrs. Arnold Slater will preside.

The Church Builders Club has planned a dinner meeting on Saturday night, with the presentation of the grant to First Congregational Christian Church of Tifton as the highlight of the evening. A short business meeting will follow the dinner and presentation, with President A. B. Snell presiding.

The women of United Church of La-

Grange have planned a "coffee hour" for fellowship on Saturday evening following Dr. Hoskins' address. The board of deacons of the church have worked with the SEC program committee on local arrangements.

The completed program, with full information regarding overnight lodging and registration cards will go out to ministers and church clerks by March 15.

It is hoped that delegates will return the registration cards promptly, so the entertaining church will know how to plan for the meals and various luncheons. It is most important to know the approximate number to be expected, for such a large meeting. In the case of the luncheons and the CBC dinner, the local establishments must know the exact number to be expected in advance.

HELP WANTED MALE

Men, ages 16 to 75 or older, with the following qualifications:

- 1) Love for mankind.
- 2) A desire to live a more abundant life.
- 3) A willingness to share your time, talents and abilities with your fellow-men.
- 4) A conviction that cooperating with other men of your church is one of the best ways to further God's Kingdom on earth.

Compensation is based upon the use of the above qualifications — the more they are used, the richer the reward.

If interested, apply at the annual meeting of the Laymen's Fellowship of the Southeast Convention, LaGrange, Ga., on March 30th.

A. B. Snell, president